

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues - WGBH-TV (October – December 2008)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

In the Life, N 12/28/08, 11pm, 30 min.

This month's In the Life features people who have championed the vulnerable in our society: children, queer teens at-risk. The program will feature The Trevor Project and the fight to combat suicide among LGBT youth.

Independent Lens, N 11/23/08, 9pm, 60 min.

This program follows the journey of three teens from the Swinomish Tribe who have been asked to make a film about the threat their people face from two local oil refineries.

II. Housing/Urban Development

This Old House, N 11/09/08, 6pm, 30 min.

Kevin makes a trip to Cambridge, Massachusetts to see how three 19th century buildings are being moved as part of a construction project at Harvard Law School. The million-dollar move, which has been planned for five years, requires that buildings to be lifted and rolled down Massachusetts Avenue on hydraulic dollies steered by remote control.

Consuelo Mack Wealthtrack, N 10/05/08, 8:30am, 30 min.

At the heart of the current financial crisis in the U.S. housing collapse, when will housing markets around the country stabilize? Wealthtrack asks Yale Professor of Economics Robert Shiller, the man who predicted the bursting of the housing bubble.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Independent Lens: Knee Deep, N 11/09/08, 9pm, 90 min

Every time Josh Osborne found himself exhausted from work and knee deep in cow manure, his parents reminded him that someday their Maine Dairy farm would be his. So Josh hatched a hare-brain scheme: kill mom and keep the farm.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 11/16/08, 11am, 60 min.

Bill Moyers and Expose: America's Investigative Reports follow a team from the Denver Post's award-winning reporting on the broken justice system on Indian reservations across the country.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

In the Life, N 11/02/08, 11pm, 30 min.

Civil Rites and Civil Rights, take an in-depth look at the journey to marriage equality in America's most populous state, and the real possibility that the newly gained right could be erased with the passage of the Proposition 8 referendum in November.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 11/09/08, 11am, 60 minutes

Does Barack Obama's victory mean a new and permanent political alignment in American politics?

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly N 12/14/08, 7am, 30 min.

Fred de Sam Lazaro talks with entrepreneur Richard Proudfit about this humanitarian mission to provide nutritional meals for hungry children in the U.S. and around the world.

Moneytrack, N 10/19/08, 8am, 30 min.

Is real job security just a thing of the past? Pam and Jack explore the value of the benefits offered at the workplace, especially the pros and cons of 40K plans. Working for "Me, Inc." is a way to protect oneself in light of eroding benefits.

VI. Environment/Ecology

Ask this Old House, N 12/16/08, 4:30pm, 30 min.

Plant expert Carrie Kelly shows landscape contractor Roger Cook how to care for cactus plants and other succulents.

Design: E2, N 11/09/08, 2pm, 30 min.

Architect Brain MacKay presents a sustainable form of architecture.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

P.O. V. Critical Condition, N 10/01/08, 1:30pm, 90 min.

What happens if you fall sick and are one of 47 million people in America without health insurance? Critical Condition by Roger Weisberg puts a human face on the nation's growing health care crisis by capturing the harrowing struggles of four critically ill Americans who discover that being uninsured can cost them their jobs, health, home, savings, even their lives.

RX For Change, N 10/05/08, 2am, 30 min.

This follow up to P.O. V. Critical Condition outlines the presidential candidates' stands on health care reform and features a discussion with two non-partisan experts who will evaluate the plans.

VIII. Economy/Business

Moneytrack, N 11/09/08, 8am, 30 min.

Pam, Jack and Janet Bodnar from Kiplinger Personal Finance Magazine, visit the Daniels family in their home and show them the three easy steps they need to take to build wealth.

Moneytrack, N 11/30/08, 8am, 30 min.

Legendary investors share their time-proven investing strategies about what really works. They Scam alert focuses on a man who was impersonating a mortgage loan broker.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, N 10/10/08, 7am, 30min.

Lucky Severson travels to Pennsylvania and talks with Catholic and Jewish voters about campaign issues important to them.

Religion & Ethics Newsweekly, N 11/23/08, 7am, 30min.

Lucky Severson explores the growing popularity of online religion.